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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, NL, SA  
SUBJECT: SAUDI POSITION RE OIL EMBARGO AGAINST DUTCH  
REF: THE HAGUE 3038

FOR HAROLD SAUNDERS WITH THE SECRETARY'S PARTY FROM  
ATHERTON

1. EMBASSY THE HAGUE HAS BEEN ASKED BY NETHERLANDS  
GOVERNMENT WHETHER THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION OF SAUDI  
POSITION ON OIL EMBARGO AGAINST HOLLAND DURING PRESIDENT'S  
VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA. TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THERE  
WAS NOT, AND WE HAVE PREPARED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO THE  
HAGUE ON THAT ASSUMPTION. BEFORE SENDING IT, HOWEVER,  
I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD CHECK IT OUT WITH  
BRENT SCOWCROFT AND, IF POSSIBLE, WITH THE SECRETARY.

2. QUOTE: SUBJECT: SAUDI POSITION RE OIL EMBARGO AGAINST  
DUTCH  
REF: THE HAGUE 3038 AND 2917

IN RESPONSE TO DUTCH INQUIRIES, YOU MAY SAY THAT, WHILE  
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SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY DID NOT ARISE DURING BRIEF

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO RAISE DUTCH BOYCOTT ISSUE, THIS  
HAS BEEN MENTIONED BY US TO SAUDIS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS,  
INCLUDING DURING VISIT OF PRINCE FAHD AND OIL MINISTER

YAMANI TO WASHINGTON IN EARLY JUNE (STATE 122597).  
WE BELIEVE SAUDIS ARE WELL AWARE OF OUR POSITION.

WE ARE AWARE OF PRESSURES WHICH DUTCH MAY FEEL UNDER  
TO ISSUE PRONOUNCEMENT RE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL  
OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AS PRICE OF OBTAINING SAUDI  
AGREEMENT WITHIN OAPEC TO LIFTING OF EMBARGO ON  
NETHERLANDS. NEVERTHELESS, AND ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT  
OF FACT THAT DUTCH ARE ABLE OBTAIN THEIR PETROLEUM  
IMPORT NEEDS FROM OTHER SOURCES, WE HOPE DUTCH WILL  
CONTINUE TO REFRAIN FROM ISSUING SUCH STATEMENT AT THIS  
TIME. SUCH ACTION WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE ARABS TRY APPLY  
PRESSURE TO OTHER CONSUMERS FOR ONE-SIDED INTERPRETATION  
OF SC RESOLUTION 242, WOULD STIFFEN HARDLINE ELEMENTS IN  
ISRAEL, AND WOULD FURTHER COMPLICATE OUR EFFORTS TO  
KEEP BOTH SIDES ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATING FURTHER STEPS  
TOWARD PEACE. END QUOTE. SISCO

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